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Dworshak recreation staffers offer facilities information, update

Orofino, Idaho – Enjoy beautiful north Idaho at the facilities operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir. The reservoir level this spring is much higher than in previous years and all boat ramps are currently open.

Early season camping will begin at Dent Acres Campground on Thursday, April 14th. Site fees are \$10 per day by self-deposit registration. Regular season camping will start May 19th with full hook-up sites available for \$16 per night. Reservations for the regular season can be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or by visiting the website at www.ReserveUSA.com.

The campground at Dworshak State Park is now open and taking reservations for the summer season. To make a reservation please call (208) 476-5994 before May 15th. Beginning May 15th the reservation number will be (208) 476-3132. Gas sales at Big Eddy Marina will be available beginning on Memorial Day weekend.

Those seeking a more primitive camping experience can visit Dam View, Canyon Creek and Grandad campgrounds where primitive camping is available at no charge starting April 1st.

Big Eddy amenities include a swim beach, playground, picnic shelters and barbecue grills. The Big Eddy hiking trail is open all the way to Dworshak State Park. Take a hike along the Big Eddy trail and have a picnic at one of several minicamps along the way. The Merry's Bay day use area, which will open on April 1st, offers secluded picnicking and fishing opportunities.

Turkey hunting season is just around the corner. Hunting is allowed on all Corps property around the reservoir except in developed recreation areas. Be aware that ATV (all terrain vehicle) operation is prohibited off of designated roads and behind gates or fences.

Please follow all safety precautions while recreating in the forest during the hunting season. When boating on the reservoir, remember that lake levels can change quickly. The weather may be warm but the water in Dworshak is still very cold from the spring snowmelt and runoff. Always beware of hypothermia and wear a coast guard approved personal flotation device.

For updated water level and boat ramp information, call (800) 321-3198. For more information regarding facilities access and current conditions call (208) 476-1261, or stop by Dworshak Dam Visitor Center, now open daily 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.